



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Fuel Reduction Project on State Route 299 West of Redding

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 advises:

The Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) has received a National Fire Plan grant from the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management through the California Fire Safe Council to construct a shaded fuel break along both sides of State Route 299 west of Redding.

Work is scheduled in three phases. Phase 1 project limits are from the west boundary of Old Shasta to the east boundary of Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Phase 2 begins at the east boundary of Old Shasta, to the intersection of Hwy. 299 and Iron Mountain Road. The third phase of the project from Iron Mountain Road to the Redding city limits has been submitted for funding.

A shaded fuel break, designed to reduce brush and ladder fuels will extend 100 feet from the edge of the roadway creating defensible space for the community and improving traffic safety along the highway.

Inmate crews will remove under story trees and clear brush and low-lying branches (ladder fuels), creating a fuel break 250 feet wide including width of the road. When completed, the area will have a park-like appearance.

Landowners with property adjacent to the Highway 299 project have been notified. Residents within the project limits wishing to participate in fuels reduction on their property or have questions are encouraged to call Jack Bramhall, WSRCD Assistant Projects Manager, at (530) 365-7332 X 213 can contact WSRCD for more information.

Local support for this project has come from the Shasta County Fire Safe Council, Shasta West Fire Safe Council, CalFire/Shasta County Fire, and Shasta Volunteer Fire Company. WSRCD has also had support and assistance from California Department of Transportation – District 2, and CalFire Trinity River Camp.

Caltrans advises motorists to proceed with caution anytime they pass crews working along the roadside.

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